

which is modeled on the successful Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), would help us pursue high-risk, high-reward energy technology develop that might not receive support otherwise. The newly established Energy Innovation Hubs would provide for multidisciplinary collaborations on research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of advanced technologies designed to tackle technological barriers to our national energy goals.

Finally, I am pleased that this legislation incorporates two amendments that I offered. The first expresses the sense of Congress that the importance of peer-review and the role of scientific publishers in the peer-review process should be taken into account by the new National Science and Technology Council working group on the dissemination and long-term stewardship of unclassified federally funded research. The second amendment would help stitch together the diverse initiatives in the COMPETES Act by requiring the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to prepare a comprehensive national competitiveness and innovation strategy. I look forward to receiving that plan for evaluating and strengthening the U.S. position in the global economy.

The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act makes long overdue investments in the foundations of our national innovation system. It would create jobs in both the short- and long-term, support manufacturers and businesses in commercializing new technologies, help us pursue a clean energy economy, improve STEM education, and strengthen our international competitiveness. I commend Chairman Gordon and the Science and Technology Committee for their hard work on this important piece of legislation.

ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ESTELL ROUNTREE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, June 19, 2010, friends and family will gather to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Estell Rountree. Mrs. Rountree is a strong and caring woman who believes that families should be bound by love, and that the families that pray together, stay together.

The proud grandmother of two, great-grandmother of four, and great great-grandmother to five, Mrs. Rountree is the oldest member of her community. Born in Nash County, North Carolina on June 15, 1910, she was the sixth of eight children born to William and Isabelle Ricks.

Mrs. Rountree attended Robin School in Nash County, and married Eddie Rountree from Pitt County, North Carolina. The couple had four children—Ernestine Rountree Porter, Gloria Rountree Williams, Barbara Rountree Petty and Deloris Rountree.

After the death of her husband in 1948, Mrs. Rountree took on the full responsibility of supporting the family as a full-time seamstress. She made clothes for herself, her children and people in the community. She also made uniforms for ushers of various churches, and con-

tinues to sew today. She also enjoys working in her flower garden whenever she gets the chance.

Mrs. Rountree is a dedicated member of the Little Hope Baptist Church. She served as an usher for over seventy years, and she has served on the Hospitality Committee and as janitor of the church. She also served as a Deaconess of the Church and later became one of the Mothers of the Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Estell Rountree. She is a truly remarkable person deserving of our deepest good wishes as she and her loved ones celebrate her 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
RYAN M. WELCH

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor LCpl Ryan M. Welch of Medford, New Jersey and to welcome him home from his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan.

After graduating from Shawnee High School in 2008, Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He completed his basic training at Paris Island in South Carolina and went to Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. In 2009 he was assigned to MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Oahu, Hawaii where he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal. Lance Corporal Welch also received a Meritorious Mast during training exercises at Pohakuloa Training Area in July 2009 for demonstrating outstanding performance of duty during Exercise Lava Viper.

Lance Corporal Welch completed his first deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his deployment he served bravely in combat action during Operation Moshtarak in Marjah Afghanistan. He served as an Infantry Rifleman in Jump Platoon, Headquarter and Service Company, 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment from Marine Corp Base Hawaii and as security for visiting dignitaries and performed general patrols and security for Nawa District, Hellmand Province in Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, please join me and a grateful nation in welcoming home Lance Corporal Welch. We are eternally thankful to him for his service to our great country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF WILL KOCH

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on June 13, 2010, the CEO of Koch Development Corporation, Will Koch, sadly passed away at the age of forty eight. As co-owner of Holiday World and Splashin' Safari Water Park, Koch initiated programs that led to the expansion and growth of the park, and worked diligently to provide families with the most enjoyable experience during his twenty-year tenure. Koch's

dedication and passion for the park inspired everyone around him on a daily basis.

Born and raised in Santa Claus, Indiana, Will Koch graduated as valedictorian from Heritage Hills High School in 1979. From there, he went on to the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated in 1984 with honors and received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He also received a Master's of Science in Computer Science degree from the University of Southern California in 1986.

Under Koch, Holiday World and Splashin' Safari received many international awards and had attendance figures topping one million per year. In 2004, Will Koch received the international Applause Award from the amusement industry for his "foresight and originality, as well as sound business development and profitability".

Koch was also an active member of his community, serving as the president of the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association, which successfully reopened the Lincoln Amphitheatre in 2009. He also served on the Administrative Council of the Santa Claus United Methodist Church, where he and his family were active members.

Holiday World and Splashin' Safari is the cornerstone of the Spencer County community, and its success is in large part due to Will Koch's dedication and hard work. Survived by his wife, Lori, and three children, Will's legacy will continue to live on. We are grateful for his contributions to southern Indiana and our condolences go out to the Koch family.

THE FEDERAL SUPERVISOR
TRAINING ACT OF 2010

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Federal Supervisor Training Act of 2010. This bill would establish a minimum training program for supervisors within federal government agencies.

Every year Congress passes laws that either create or modify programs that serve the American people. Yet, it is up to the men and women of the federal civil service to efficiently and effectively implement the programs this body approves. Competent managers are essential for a functioning civil service that can carry out the federal government's mission.

This bill will require each federal agency to develop and implement a training program that, among other things, teaches supervisors to develop and discuss employee goals and objectives, to foster an appropriate work environment, and to improve employee performance and productivity. The bill requires supervisors to receive initial training within one year of promotion, and once every three years thereafter.

In addition to supervisor training, the bill also requires agencies to establish mentoring programs so that new supervisors can learn from the experiences of more seasoned federal managers.

I believe that providing our federal supervisors adequate training will improve the delivery of government services, reduce costs associated with mitigating employee grievances